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SUBJ: SCHEEL ATTENDANCE AT SOVIET EXHIBITION, WEST BERLIN

REFS: A) BONN 20019 B) BONN 19929

1. FOR THE RECORD, FEDERAL PRESIDENT SCHEEL DID VISIT THE SOVIET EXHIBITION IN WEST BERLIN ON NOVEMBER 29 UNDER SOVIET AUSPICES. HE WAS GREETED BY SOVIET EXHIBIT DIRECTOR TSCHERVIKOV, WHO ESCORTED SCHEEL AND HIS PARTY ON WALK-THROUGH OF FAIR.
2. SCHEEL WAS ACCOMPANIED ON THIS TOUR BY HIS WIFE, BY STATE SECRETARY GRUENER OF FRG ECONOMICS MINISTRY, BY FRANK OF FEDERAL PRESIDENTS' OFFICE AND BY WEST BERLIN MAYOR AND ECONOMICS SENATOR, WOLFGANG LUEDER.
3. LUEDER STRESSED IN REMARKS TO PRESS THAT VISIT WAS QUOTE UNOFFICIAL AND WITHOUT INVITATION UNQUOTE.
4. COMMENT: WE CANNOT ACCOUNT FOR WHY LUEDER CHOSE TO SAY THAT VISIT WAS QUOTE UNOFFICIAL WITHOUT INVITATION UNQUOTE SINCE IN FACT WHOLE EXERCISE CAME ABOUT BECAUSE FEDERAL PRESIDENT HAD BEEN INVITED BY DIRECTOR OF THE

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SOVIET EXHIBITION TO ATTEND. WE FEEL IT UNFORTUNATE THAT

LUEDER ADOPTED LINE TAKEN SINCE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT
THAT SCHEEL HAD COME AT BEHEST OF SOVIET TRADE FAIR
DIRECTOR WOULD HAVE PROVIDED EXCELLENT PUBLICITY TO EFFECT
THAT SOVIETS HAD ON THIS OCCASION AT LEAST ACCEPTED PRESENCE
OF FRG PRESIDENT IN WEST BERLIN.

5. FURTHER INFORMATION ON FAIR FOLLOWS BY AIRGRAM.
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